Cyclone Warning Centres

*300. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) wheather Government propose to set up more cyclone warning centres in various coastal States during the current year;

(b) if so, the details of locations identified so far; and

(c) the progress made in setting up of such centres?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) India Meteorological Department has a network of ten Cyclone Detection Radars (CDRs) and six Cyclone warning Centres in operation along the east and west coasts of the country covering the coastal areas of all maritime States. The Cyclone Warning Centres are presently operating at Calcutta, Bhubaneshwar, Visakhapatnam, Mumbai, Chennai and Ahmedabad. Action has already been initiated to replace Cyclone Detection Radars at Chennai, Calcutta, Visakhapatnam, Machhalipatnam and Paradip by more advanced Doppler Weather Radars. Action has also been initiated to instal a Doppler Weather Radar indigenously development by ISRO at Sriharikota.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Losses to Paradip Phosphatic Fertilizers in Orissa

1679. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of losses suffered by the Paradip Phospahtic Fertilizer Unit in Orissa due to cyclone; and

(b) the steps taken by Government for rehabilitation of that Unit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) Paradeep Phosphates Ltd. (PPL) has suffered extensive damage as assessed by visual inspection. The exact quantum of loss and damage is to be assessed after trial run and re-start up of plants.

(b) The operations of the Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) and Sulphuric Acid plants have been restarted. The normal production in the Phosphoric Acid plant would start by the end of March, 2000.

Import of Urea

1680. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are still importing urea; and

(b) if so, the names of countries exporting urea to India and the quantity of imported urea, country-wise, during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) Yes Sir. Urea is the only fertilizer which is under statutory price, movement and distribution control. The imports of urea are canalized and are made on Government account through designated canalising agencies to bridge the gap between the requirement and indigenous availability. However, the quantum of imports of urea have come down significantly since 1998-99.

(b) The country-wise imports of urea on Government account in the last three years were as under.

(Qty. in lakh MTs)

Sl. No.	Name of Country	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
1.	Bangladesh	1.44	0.26	—
2.	CIS	6.84	9.80	1.92
3.	Kuwait	3.86	3.91	0.49
4.	Libya	2.14	0.80	—
5.	Qatar	2.95	3.02	1.03
6.	Romania	1.60	1.23	—
7.	Saudi Arabia	2.98	2.14	0.26
8.	UAE	1.47	2.10	0.36